

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. §§121 & 372 between the following groups:

Group I: Claims 16-27 drawn to a housing; and

Group II: Claims 28-30 drawn to a method of manufacturing a housing.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects for further prosecution the invention of Group I, claims 16-27 drawn to a housing.


Applicant respectfully submits that the search and examination of Groups I and II does not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. When searching and examining the Group I apparatus claims, the Examiner will also encounter subject matter set forth in the Group II method claims. A separate search would not be required. Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Should the restriction requirement be maintained, Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application or take such other appropriate measures as Applicant deems necessary to protect the inventions recited within the non-elected inventions.

Respectfully submitted,

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